



**Minutes  
Clarendon County Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 14, 2010, 6:00 P.M.  
F.E. DuBose Career Center Auditorium  
Manning, South Carolina**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. County Council Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
2. County Council Vice-Chairman W. J. Frierson
3. County Councilman A.C. English, Jr.
4. County Councilman Billy Richardson
5. County Councilman Benton Blakely

**COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| -            | County Administrator, William Houser    | - County Auditor, Patricia    |
| Pringle      |                                         |                               |
| -            | County Attorney, David W. Epperson      | - Budget Analyst, Tammy       |
| Rodvanski    |                                         |                               |
| -            | Clerk to Council, Betty S. Pritchard    | - Controller, Lynden Anthony  |
| -            | Senior Secretary, Mia Jackson           | - Development Board Director, |
| John Trulock |                                         |                               |
| -            | Human Resource Director, Linda P. Lemon |                               |

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

The Item  
attendance,  
The Manning Times  
District #1.  
Clarendon Citizen

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Approximately 25 members of the public were in  
to include several students from Clarendon

***\*\*Note: The auditorium air conditioner was not working; Council meeting held in room 197 of Career Center. \*\****

- I. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order. Meeting began at 6:15P.M.  
(Retirement social for Betty S. Pritchard, Clerk to Council, prior to council meeting)
- II. Invocation- Given by Vice-Chairman WJ. Frierson
- III. Pledge of Allegiance- Recited in unison.
- IV. Approval of May 10, 2010 minutes-**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman English, seconded by Vice-Councilman Frierson to accept May 10, 2010 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously without further discussion.  
  
**Public Hearing-** Chairman Stewart officially opened the Public Hearing
- V. **Ordinance #2010-08** To Authorize the County to Execute and Deliver an Amended and Restated Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement with (Project Palmetto);

*and Other Related Matters.* Presentation made by Attorney Michael Kozlarek, Bond Counsel for Clarendon County. M. Kozlarek stated that the facility is expected to open between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of next year. He advised that the ordinance will transfer previous agreement with Grant Forest to Georgia Pacific. Georgia Pacific did not speak on how many jobs will be created with the opening of the plant. Chairman Stewart thanked Mr. Kozlarek for the explanation, and opened the floor for Public Hearing. After several minutes, **no members of the public made any comments.** Mr. Stewart then advised Council that there will be a Special Called meeting June 21, 2010 on the related matter.

**After no further discussion, Chairman Stewart officially closed the Public Hearing.**

- VI. **Third Reading- Ordinance #2010-07-***To Provide for the Control and Regulation of Animals in Clarendon County and Other Related Matters.* Attorney Epperson, the ordinance has passed with 2 previous readings and a Public Hearing. He restated to Council that the ordinance was derived out of the State code for Animal Control. He advised Council the Animal Control will be funded through the County Budget. Council Blakely asked, "What are the fees?" Attorney Epperson restated fee scale: \$50.00 for housing fee, \$5.00 per day for everyday animal is housed/ quarantined at county facility, and \$10.00 administrative fee. Councilman Blakely asked, "There will be no surprises?" Attorney Epperson advised that the committee Council appointed to review the Animal Control Ordinance, voted to approve the ordinance. He advised that the committee agreed to its content. Administrator Houser explained that there may be some who will be upset in the beginning, especially with the fees, he advised that is to be expected. Chairman Stewart opened the floor to entertain a motion.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Vice-Chairman Frierson, seconded by Councilman Richardson. Motion unanimously carried

- VII. **Third Reading- Ordinance #2010-06-***To Adoption of FY2010-2011 Budget-* County Controller, Lynden Anthony restated the changes made to budget after Council instructed Administrator Houser and his finance staff to return a balanced Budget for third reading (*Budget Changes- see attached*). Councilman Richardson requested to revisit the County Auditor's office and Voter's Registration Budget requests. He stated, he remembers the Auditor's Office has made 3 or 4 requests before council. He also stated that Voter's Registration made 3 separate requests as well. Councilman Richardson asked if there were anything that can be done about those requests. He suggested that maybe Council revisits the Budget during next week's special meeting. Attorney Epperson advised Councilman Richardson, that Council can approve to move the Budget approval to next week, or they had the option to move it on the agenda until after the executive session.

**ACTION:** *No action on ordinance taken at this time.* Motion made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Councilman Blakely to move item 7 on the agenda to item 17. Motion unanimously carried.

- VIII. **Second Reading- Ordinance # 2010-08-***To Authorize the County to execute and Deliver as Amended a Related Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement with (Project Palmetto); and other Related Matters.* Chairman Stewart advised council that this is the second reading of the ordinance. He stated that the

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2010-08 was successful. Chairman Stewart opened the floor to entertain a motion.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Blakely seconded by Vice-Councilman Frierson. Motion unanimously carried.

- IX. Resolution-Authorizing County Administrator to Execute and Deliver a Preliminary Agreement with Project Palmetto Related to the Execution and Delivery of An Amended and Restated Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Agreement; and Other Matters Related Thereto.** Attorney M. Kozlarek stated that the resolution is required to allow County Administrator to execute agreements in relation to the Palmetto Project.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman English, seconded by Councilman Richardson to allow Administrator Houser to execute preliminary agreements in regards to the Palmetto Project. Motion carried unanimously

- X. Resolution-Authorizing County Council Chairman and/or County Administrator to Enter Into and Execute a Letter of Intent and Subsequent Documents Relative to the Purchase of a 4.9 acre Parcel of Land with Improvements Thereon in Manning, South Carolina.** Attorney Epperson advised council that Clarendon County has been afforded the opportunity to purchase land within Clarendon County. He then advised that in order for County Chairman or County Administrator to enter into any talks or execute documents Council must approve him to do so. There were no questions or discussion made by Councilmen.

**ACTION:** A motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Frierson, to allow County Chairman and/or County Administrator to execute Letter of Intent and related documents pertaining to purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. PRESENTATION:**

- Vicki Williams, Clarendon County Grants Administrator presented a grant opportunity for Clarendon County. Ms. Williams advised council, the COPS Grant is a Law Enforcement Grant offered by US Department of Justice in order to assist local Law Enforcement with the growing needs of their community. The COPS grant will provide funding for salary and related expenses for 3 years of employment for up to 4 NEW officers. Ms. Williams advised council that one of the stipulations of the COPS Grant is that after the grant period is expired the Law Enforcement Division will be mandated to maintain those officers and continue to provide funding for their employment. She advised council the deadline to submit an application was June 10, however DOJ has extended the deadline to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Williams provided council with approximate salary figures for the hired officers after the 3 year grant period: 4 new Officers- \$186, 548, 3 new Officers- \$139, 300, 2 new Officers- \$93, 274. Councilman English asked, "Are you confident that what you will apply for you will be awarded." Ms. Williams made the reply, no. Administrator Houser advised council that the grant will only cover salary and other *related* expenses. It does not include: training, uniforms, vehicles, and ammunition. Sheriff Garrett stated that he currently has \$300,000 in a drug fund; he believed that should cover other expenses. Administrator Houser later advised council that although the \$300,00 may be reserved for the Sheriff's Department, there is a lengthy process in getting those funds released, and at this time, there is no estimated time for the release of those

funds. A number of questions were raised by Council members: Will this grant bind the county and in the future. Ms. Williams advised Council that the application and acceptance of the grant funds will indeed bind the council, not the Councilmen. At the end of the grant funding period, County Council must agree to retain and employ those hired under the COPS Grant. Councilman Blakely asked, "Would the grant eliminate the Sheriff's need to hire more people?" Ms. Williams stated that under the COPS grants the officers hired would be required to stay in the communities that are having the toughest time. They may not be employed at the complete leisure of the Sheriff, based on the guidelines for the grant. With so many concerns and unanswered questions, Chairman Stewart entertained a motion to move agenda item 11 to the end of the meeting.

**ACTION:** *No action on request made at this time.* Councilman Blakely motioned seconded by Councilman Frierson to move agenda item 11 to item 18 to allow more time for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. REQUESTS**

Clarendon County Assessor's Office- County Administrator Bill Houser presented before council the request on behalf of Bob Everett, County Assessor, to travel to Florida August 29 through September 1 in order to attend the National Assessor's Association meeting. There were no further questions or discussion.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Councilman English to approve the travel request.

## **XIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The following Board Appointment Requests were made by Clerk to Council, Betty S. Pritchard and approved as follows:

- *Clarendon County Disabilities and Special Needs Board:* Request reappointment of Nelson Walker and Paul Floyd. **ACTION:** Motion by Council Richardson, seconded by Councilman Frierson
- *Santee-Lynches Workforce Investment Board:* Request the reappointment of Charlie Gavin (limited one-year term), and reappointment of Dan Yount (three year term) **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Frierson, seconded by Councilman English.
- *Building Board of Appeals:* Request to reappoint: Steppany Blackwell, Russell M. Harrelson, Robert A. Sternberg, Paul Thomas, and William A. Timmons for another term. **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Blakely, seconded by Councilman English.
- *Planning Commission:* Request the reappointment of Board members, Walter Colclough, J.M. Ard, and Alfred H. Kelly (effective after his temporary resignation to serve on Reassessment Appeals Board). **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Frierson, seconded by Councilman Richardson.
- *Zoning Board of Appeals:* Request reappointment of Lannes Prothro, Ira Witherspoon, Daren Ragin, and Steve Gamble. **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Councilman Blakely.
- *Clarendon County Archives Advisory Board:* Request appointment of Ms. Robertha Harrison to replace Ms. Mary Cooper. **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Blakely, seconded by Councilman English.

***All motions were carried unanimously without further discussion.***

Chairman Stewart thanked Ms. Pritchard for her presentation and requested a letter be sent to each member, thanking them for serving.

**XIV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-** Mr. Houser reviewed the month ending financial report before Council, from April 30, 2010 and May 31, 2010. He also the balances of the C-Fund month ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Water & Sewer Department month ending May 31<sup>st</sup> (***Full financial reports supplied to each councilman's in council packet***). Mr. Houser gave his monthly "Tidbit" on Clarendon County Facilities Management. Information given: Total FY 2009 expenses on facilities maintenance and repairs totals \$53, 823 major expenses occurring in: Corrections-\$11, 816, Courthouse-\$10,418, Airport- \$7,560, DSS building- \$4,598, and E-911 facility- \$5, 732. Houser reported that majority of funding went to Air Conditioning repairs. He stated that facilities management has seen an increase of 28% for maintenance alone.

**XV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT-** Chairman Stewart announced there will be a "Special Council Meeting" called for next Monday June 21, 2010. He advised the meeting will be held at the F.E. Dubose Career Center Auditorium at 6:00 P.M. At the close of the Chairman's report he asked if there be any other comments before a hearing a motion to enter into Executive Session. At that time Linda Godwin of White Oak area in Manning stood up and asked to speak. After Chairman Stewart's approval to allow Ms. Godwin to briefly speak she made numerous complaints on the activities that go on at the "Sand Bar" (an area on Lake Marion). She stated that:

- *Every weekend 60+ boats dock along side the Sand Bar, many pulling right into private boating docks.*
- *Have witnessed several people underage drinking*
- *She has found, beer cans, debris and once a hypodermic needle.*
- *She requested Council to do something about the loitering, loud, obscene music, crude acts in public.*

*Dennis Reynolds a fellow neighbor in White Oak stood and stated the same complaints as she. He added that there was a time when churches would use the lake for baptism, and church functions. Since the activities have got so bad, they no longer use their homes for functions because of their exposure to what goes on at the sand bar.*

***Chairman Stewart*** listened to their complaints; ***Sheriff Garrett*** stood and stated that he instructed his staff to increase patrolling in that area. The Deputies will ask those playing loud music to turn their music down once; after that then they will ticketed or escorted away. Chairman Stewart advised Ms. Godwin that Clarendon County Council did not have jurisdiction over the lake waters. The lake waters are under the DNR (Dept. of Natural Resource). He advised her that council cannot "run people off the lake." Sheriff Garrett advised that he has an agreement with DNR to patrol the lake waters and will be more vigilant in monitoring the Sand Bar and he expects for the residents to see some improvements soon.

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter. **ACTION:** Motion made by Vice-Chairman Frierson, seconded by Councilman English to enter into

Executive Session. **Motion** carried. **\*\*Linda P. Lemon and Sheriff, Randy Garrett were asked to attend Executive Session\*\***

9:51 P.M. **MOTION** made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Councilman English to come out of Executive Session and return to council meeting. Chairman Stewart advised the public that no action was taken during Executive Session and the discussion was regarding a Personnel matter with the Sheriff's Department.

Controller, Lynden Anthony reviewed the proposed budget adjustments, based on Executive Session discussion. Controller, Lynden Anthony stated the Auditor's office will receive Merit funds to support changes within her department. These funds will be available to her July 1, 2010. With the July 1 increases, the Auditor's office will forgo and not participate in the merit process in February **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Frierson. **MOTION** carried

Sheriff's Department

Request from the Sheriffs Department on Personnel matter: To promote a Captain to a Major by allocating funds from one line item within his budget to another. **ACTION:** Motion by Councilman Blakely, seconded by Vice-Chairman Frierson. **MOTION** carried. No further discussion.

Community Grants Request

County Council received a request Clemson Extension, asking to review the amount Clemson was awarded during the Grant award process. Council was notified that the \$25,500 deduction in award funds prevents Clemson Extension from providing services to Clarendon County and the surrounding counties. Mary McCaskill asked council to please reconsider the award amount. Council asked Ms. McCaskill to submit a detailed description of their roles within the three (3) county school districts. Council invited Ms. McCaskill to the June 21, 2010 Special Council meeting to review her submission and to make a decision at that time.

- XVII. Third Reading- Ordinance #2010-06- To Adoption of FY2010-2011 Budget**-Chairman Stewart suggested to council that they can vote on the budget based on the budget as is; and any changes made after the vote will not add or delete funds from the budget, just reallocate them. Chairman Stewart asked for a motion. **ACTION:** Motion made by Councilman Richardson, seconded by Councilman Frierson. After no objections or further discussion motion carried unanimously.

- XVIII.** Vicki Williams, Clarendon County Grants Administrator presented a grant opportunity for Clarendon County. Ms. Williams restated the terms of the grant should it be awarded. **ACTION:** motion made by Councilman Blakely, seconded by Councilman English to allow Ms. Williams to submit the grant application for the COPS Grant for 4 officers. Council added that should Clarendon County be awarded the grant, council must approve acceptance of the grant award and its conditions **MOTION** carried. There were no other questions or further discussion by Council.

Chairman Stewart advised the public that the Council has exhausted its agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn.

June 14, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 P.M.



**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION**

I, Mia R. Jackson, Clerk to Council, Clarendon County Council, Manning, South Carolina, do hereby certify that public and media notification of the Special Meeting of County Council held on June 7, 2010, at 6:00 PM was given prior thereto by the following means:

**PUBLIC NOTIFIED:** Yes

**MANNER NOTIFIED:** Agenda placed on the bulletin board in the Clarendon County Courthouse and F. E. DuBose Career Center Auditorium

**DATE POSTED:** June 11, 2010

**MEDIA NOTIFIED:** Yes

**MANNER NOTIFIED:** Agenda emailed to THE MANNING TIMES, THE ITEM, THE CLARENDON CITIZEN and THE FLORENCE MORNING NEWS

**DATE NOTIFIED:** June 11, 2010

Respectfully Submitted

By: Mia R. Jackson  
Mia R. Jackson, Clerk to Council



## **Attachment to Council Meeting Minutes**

**TO: COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**FROM: LYNDEN ANTHONY, CONTROLLER**  
**SUBJECT: CHANGES TO BUDGET**  
**DATE: JUNE 11, 2010**

Below are changes to the Budget package recommended and utilized in the Second Reading on May 10, 2010. The Budget packages distributed for Third Reading have these changes reflected in both the detail and summary schedules.

Department	Change	Explanation
	\$	
Revenue	18,000	Increase Title IV-D funding for Family Court
	\$	
Revenue	155,000	County Unrestricted Reserve Fund
Assessor	10,000	Add contractual GIS technician
Facilities	155,000	Add Archives building repairs and renovations
Sheriff	(15,965)	Delay Animal Control position effective date to Jan. 1, 2011
Sheriff	(36,000)	Reduce equip. and repairs line item to current year trend
Sheriff	(36,063)	Remove Tahoe purchase to current year (JAG Grant)
Sheriff	(158,635)	Move four patrol vehicles to Non-departmental (grants)
Landfill	(60,000)	Move acquisition of real estate to current year
Landfill	(52,100)	Re-negotiated contract with Waste Mgmt resulting lower cost
Tax Collector	(2,300)	Remove request for full size copier/printer
Tax Collector	(1,000)	Reduce fuel utilization for traditional levying activities
Tax Collector Voter	(600)	Reduce supplies required for traditional levying activities
Registration	(2,078)	Reduce travel related expenses requested
Public Works	(4,000)	Purchase pick-up truck rather than Tahoe
Agencies	(400)	Community Grants pool reduction as recommended
Agencies	(70,000)	Reduce transfer to Weldon from General Fund
Non-dept'l.	53,113	Increase for anticipated grant match four (4) patrol vehicles
Non-dept'l.	(48,587)	Delete new position requested Sheriff department
Non-dept'l.	(36,771)	Delete changes to existing personnel within Sheriff depart.
Non-dept'l.	(64,070)	Delete new position(s) Detention Center
Non-dept'l.	(13,946)	Delete change to position within Voter Registration office

Non-dept'l.	(4,136)	Delete change to position within Auditor office
Non-dept'l.	(2,924)	Delete change to position within Assessor department
Non-dept'l.	55,500	Increase in Sp. Projects for Animal Control implementation
Non-dept'l.	(40,563)	Decrease COLA to 2.5%
Airport	<u>(30,000)</u>	Reduce funding for land acquisition

**\$(579,525)**

**TOTAL REDUCTIONS**

**Grant Awards**

As authorized by County Council, a sub-committee was formed to evaluate community grant applications received and to make its recommendations for funding. The participants of this committee were:

Dwight Stewart, A.C. English, Bill Houser, David Epperson and Lynden Anthony.

Below are the recommendations for 2010/11 funding:

\$4,500	American Red Cross of Central SC
200,000	Central Carolina Technical College (Operations)
35,500	Central Carolina Technical College (Adult Education)
17,500	Clarendon County Behavioral Services
3,500	Clarendon County Council on Aging
4,600	Clarendon County First Steps
14,940	Clarendon County Public Health Department
30,000	Clarendon Soil & Water Conservation District
25,460	Clemson Extension Service
5,200	Harvest Hope Food Bank
4,000	Paxville Community Development Corp.
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<b>\$345,200</b>	<b>TOTAL Community Grant 2010/11 Recommendation</b>